



ECHOES

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PICNIC 1999: The seventh annual picnic is June 5, 1999 at Lake Williams on Buckley ANG Base. A reservation form is provided in this newsletter. All current AAAC members and families are encouraged to attend for fun and food. And there is always an open invitation to any previous or current AFTAC, 1009th, 1035th, 1155th, plus any other field location within the world, retired or active duty to join us. As usual, we will start to convene at 10 AM; food to be served when ready, usually about 12:30 to 1:00 PM. Chef's Dunn and Phillips will be providing culinary delights as usual. **Fill out the form rat now and return it to Bill Schmied. Bring a friend.**

EVENING FUNCTION : **Keep in mind -** Our second annual evening function at the Camana Club on Buckley ANG Base has been scheduled for November 20, 1999. Mark your calendar.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: This years' General Membership breakfast was held March 20, 1999. Nineteen people attended. In Ben Vlassick's absence, the meeting was conducted by Earl Pierce. The following items were discussed:

PICNIC AREA: In a search to find a picnic area with better bathroom facilities, the following was determined. (1) Fitzsimons will close picnic facilities June 26, 1999. However, their bathroom is also Porta-potti. (2) Lowry picnic areas are now Aurora Park & Recreation controlled. There is a minimum charge of \$60, only 3.2 beer allowed and Porta-potti is provided unless the clubhouse is also leased. (3) Cherry Creek has picnic facilities that they also charge for plus there is a per car fee (\$3.50) to use the park. **Bottom Line:** We will try to have a second Porta-potti installed at Lake Williams to separate the sexes. (P.S. we do not pay a fee for using the Lake Williams facility).

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TIME AND LOCATION: Other military associated agencies use the Camana Club at Buckley in the evening for membership meetings. The opinion of the AAAC members is to continue with meeting on Saturday mornings. Also, as a matter of information, breakfast facilities for up to 30-people are becoming more difficult to find. (CoCo's is now Sam's and not interested in large groups on Saturdays). Therefore we will continue to use Marie Calendar's while available.

CENTRAL CITY GAMBLING TOUR: A positive reaction to a Central City gambling outing prompted Lonnie Gibbons to make arrangements for a bus. Unfortunately, Lonnie was unable to get the required number of people together for the free bus trip. Spring may not be a good time of the year for gambling trips.

CALIFORNIA REUNION:

The April 8 to April 12, 1999, reunion in California was an absolute success. Joe Johnson and his committee of seventeen did themselves proud. All bases were covered. Cocktail party on Thursday, Banquet Dinner on Friday in conjunction with the Inactivation Ceremony and more people than one could imagine. The Friday night banquet seated 489 people. Food, by the way, was excellent even with that number of people. As usual, the Hospitality Room was quite an attraction. More memories were shared there to keep history of AFTAC alive for another two years. Which, by the way, should be in Denver in year 2001.

Colorado names on the April 6 list were as follows: Dick and Dee Brence, Westminster; Caroll Frenzel, Colo Spgs; James Hall, Colo Spgs; Earnie Long, Denver; John Macaluso, Littleton; James and Leslie Miller, Colo Spgs; Raymond Shulstad, Colo Spgs; Joan Singlevich, Colo Spgs; Ben & Ginger Vlassick, Aurora; Edsel Ward, Grand Jct; Tom and Barbara Ware, Aurora; Erhard Weis Jr, Monument; Wayne and Cathy Zahm, Arvada. That's eighteen from Colorado; good showing.

MAIL

Hi Ben: I was reading the recent issue of Echoes and noticed the letter from Bert R. Miller regarding Frank Dungan. Frank left AFTAC and was assigned to the western missile range in CA. He died of a heart attack several years ago. Signed Col Charles D. Johnson, TD-5, AFTAC. (Ed Note: Thanks for the information Col. Your mail gram was included in the FL Post Monitor also.)

Thanks for the info (about CO Chapter). I've thought about joining the Alumni Association and perhaps attending the annual get togethers but, between my job here at HQ AMC where I manage the Maintenance Division for all Air Traffic Control and Landing Systems (ATCALs), all Meteorological Systems maintenance and Radio equipment, the AMC Special Maintenance Team Technicians and the Civilian AF Engineering and Technical Services (Con'd)

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(Instructors) keeps me pretty busy. When I couple that with teaching classes in Electronics at the Local College two nights a week, its almost impossible for me to even take a leave. But, after 43 years of hard charging, I'm beginning to look at retirement in a more favorable light. My greastest fear is boredom. My wife says that won't be a problem because I've never set still for 5 minutes. I think she's trying to tell me something (and thinks I don't listen) HA! Have a nice day! **David.Young@scott.af.mil**

Bill, would you please update my address from Clear Lake, WI to Broomfield, CO. Seems as though we all move back to Colorful Colorado sooner or later. Thanks, **Bruce L. Schubert, e-mail, janschubert@cwix.com**

Marilyn Vos Savant writes for the Sunday magazine Parade. She was asked "What's your favorite poem? Her reply; It's called "High Flight," composed by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Jr. while flying 30,000 feet over England. Shortly afterward, in 1941, he was killed at age 19 while serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force:

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings:
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds--and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of --wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence: hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew--
And, while the silent lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

PICNIC 1999

June 05,1999, starting at 1000 hours, we will gather at Buckley ANG Base Lake William's recreation center (Cottage on the Lake) for our seventh annual picnic.

Our Food Committee has always provided an enjoyable menu selection. The lake area lends itself for having a good time with volley ball, horseshoe, etc., areas available. So fill in the reservation form below; return it to Bill Schmied as indicated and be prepared for fun. Bring your volleyball playing shoes and your horseshoe pitching arms. There may be challenges

Mail the following reservation application to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010, to arrive no later than June 01, 1999. Any questions, call Bill, (303)-367-0625, or Ben Vlassick, (303)-690-1239, but don't forget to make your reservation.

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YES, COUNT ON ME TO ATTEND THE JUNE 05, 1999, PICNIC, STARTING AT 1000L, AT LAKE WILLIAMS ON BUCKLEY FIELD AND TO JOIN IN THE FUN. (FOOD WILL BE READY AT 1300L). ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK PAYABLE TO BILL SCHMIED, TO COVER THE PEOPLE IN MY PARTY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE \$2.50 PER ADULT AND \$1.00 PER EACH CHILD WILL NOT BE REFUNDABLE AFTER FOOD, ETC., HAS BEEN PURCHASED.

NAME: _____ SPOUSE NAME: _____
ATTENDEES: _____ ADULTS (\$2.50 EACH), _____ CHILDREN (\$1.00 EACH).
TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____ (Mail to arrive no later than June 01, 1999 to Bill Schmied, 2078 Kenton St., Aurora, CO 80010-1310)

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